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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	51	7-25	29
Colan	59	7-24	30
Nahariya	59	7-24	31
Safed	59	10-25	32
Haifa Port	58	13-25	32
Tiberias	48	9-25	30
Nazareth	48	13-27	30
Afula	48	8-29	33
Shomron	48	13-29	31
Tel Aviv	40	8-29	31
B-G Airport	40	8-29	31
Jericho	19	10-31	35
Caesarea	29	14-31	35
Secaria	8	8-31	36
Eilat	16	17-32	34
Tiran Straits	10	21-32	34

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a group of professors from academic institutions in the Boston area, headed by Prof. Nadav Safran of Harvard. The President also received MK Avraham Shechterman.

Mrs. Ingegard Fraenkel of the Swedish Parliament, Chairman of the Liberal Women's Party of Sweden and member of the Swedish delegation to the 31st UN General Assembly, together with her husband, last week attended a dinner given in her honour by Mrs. Dana Ben-Ami of the World Zionist Executive at her home in Netanya. Swedish Ambassador and Mrs. Ivo Doelling were among the guests, as were also Mr. Eytan Ron, Director of the International Organizations Department of the Israel Foreign Ministry and Mrs. Ron and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Comay.

Mrs. Fraenkel also visited Wizo's women's centres in Tel Aviv's Keren Hatelminim and Hatikva quarters, accompanied by Mrs. Adina Matalon, Chairman of Wizo's Tel Aviv branch. (Communicated)

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President of World Wizo, yesterday met with Mrs. Kisa De-Boeck, President of Women's Organizations, Belgium, after her visit to Wizo children's youth and women's institutions in Tel Aviv. Mrs. De-Boeck was guest of honour at a luncheon at Wizo House in Tel Aviv that was attended by members of the World Wizo Executive. (Communicated)

Staying at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rubinstein; Harlem Globetrotters; Board of Jurors of the Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition; Robert L. Ashley — U.S.A. table tennis champion; G. Plakos — international table tennis champion.

Magen Broshi will speak on "Archaeological Excavations in the Old City" at tonight's meeting of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem West, at 19.00, at the King David Hotel.

"What is Jewish Folklore?" will be discussed this evening at the Hebrew University Forum by Mrs. Rachel Golandak of the Hebrew University. The meeting will take place at 8 o'clock at the United Synagogue Centre, 2 Agon Street, Jerusalem.

An exhibit of table sculptures by British sculptor Anthony Caro, regarded as the most important contemporary sculptor in the Cubist tradition, opens tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum with the sculptor in attendance. The exhibit, sponsored by the British Council, will be opened by British Ambassador John Mason. The sculptor is meanwhile scheduled to give a talk today at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and will speak at the Tel Aviv Museum tomorrow following the opening.

**Court order for British charters**

The High Court of Justice yesterday served an order nisi on the Transport Minister ordering him to explain why the Civil Aviation Authority turned down the request of a British airline to fly special charter flights to the tenth anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification and the tenth Maccabiah.

The British line, Dan Air, is represented in Israel by Maof Airlines and Intertours, in their application for the court order they said they submitted a request on March 24 to allow Dan Air to land here. This was after El Al had turned down an offer to operate Intertours charters. Their application for a landing permit was delayed — the applicants claimed after heavy El Al pressure — and eventually rejected. The authority's grounds for turning down the request was that the Jerusalem anniversary and the tenth Maccabiah are not special events that justify a landing permit for Dan Air.

**Gunman slays ex-premier of Yemen**

LONDON (Reuter). — A former prime minister of the Yemen Arab Republic, his wife and a Yemeni diplomat were shot dead by an assassin outside a luxury hotel here yesterday.

A Yemeni embassy spokesman said the dead were former Prime Minister Kadi Abdullah Ahmed al-Hagiri, 60, his wife Fatima, 40, and Abdullah Ali al-Hammami, 45, minister at the Yemen embassy in London.

They were killed in their car by a ragged gunman who wrenched open the passenger door and spattered them with revolver bullets at point-blank range, police said.

Byewitnesses, including the hotel doorman, described the assassin as a man in his early twenties with Middle Eastern features, a long nose and baggy trousers. He had loitered around the hotel for some time before the shooting.

Scotland Yard said the killer ran across the street as the three Yemennites settled into their maroon Mercedes, shot them and then walked into an underground railway station where he was lost in the Easter morning crowd.

One eyewitness pursued the killer but lost him.

Hagiri, who was prime minister from December 1972 to February 1974, had been in London for three weeks to accompany his wife who was receiving medical treatment, an embassy spokesman said.

It is believed the Hagiris had 11 children.

The killing occurred at 11 a.m. outside the Royal Lancaster Hotel, which overlooks Hyde Park. The three Arabs, dressed in their white robes, had left the hotel lobby and settled into their car. Hammami was in the driver's seat.

Hagiri's takeover as prime minister followed bitter internal disputes within the northern government over Libyan-sponsored plans to create a single Yemeni republic. Within a year thousands were arrested and some executed as subversives as the government struggled to retain power.

After he relinquished his post the Soviet-trained Yemeni army formed a seven-strong council to assume power.

Hagiri's opponents accused him of being a royalist, a supporter of the late King Faisal of Saudi Arabia and opposed to a union with the Marxist regime of South Yemen.

When he died he was deputy chief of the supreme court in his country.

**Effort to avert clinic strike**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Every effort is being made to avoid a strike of Kupat Holim clinic doctors, spokesmen for both the doctors and the Histadrut sick fund's central committee told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Both sides refused to comment on the preliminary "discussions," which are preceding the actual "negotiations." However, it was learned that both are seeking a way to increase the doctors' actual take-home pay without raising their basic wages.

This will probably be done by paying the doctors "overtime" pay in one form or another.

The Israeli Medical Association's national committee is to meet tonight to discuss the matter. Last week the IMA announced that if negotiations did not proceed favourably this week it might call a strike of all clinic doctors this Thursday.

**Last but not lost**

OFAKIM (Itim). — A police plane combed the fields around this Negev kibbutz to find a seven-year-old boy who trailed behind the 2,500 participants of the Negev march which took place yesterday.

The boy's nine-year-old sister, who walked the 13-kilometre children's route, told police she reached the finishing point that she had lost her little brother. Police cars set out to find the boy and a plane was later called in. Policemen in the plane spotted the boy walking alone far behind the last marchers. A police car picked him up and brought him to the end of the route.

The adult participation in the march walked a 25-kilometre route. A group of workers from the Makteshim chemical plant won first prize in the adult grouping and the Beersheba Scouts were best in the youth division.

**Costa Rica FM ends 6-day visit**

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — Costa Rican Foreign Minister Gonzalo Fialo left here yesterday after a six-day visit.

**See how they run**

By Asher Wallfish

Thirty-six new lists are running in the May 17 elections, apart from the established parties, we were notified by Avraham Maren, the perennial spokesman of the Central Elections Committee.

The latest five lists which requested registration material included two Arab lists, Mordechai Ben-Porat's list, Shmuel Kaniel's list, and a beautiful people's list with the Hebrew acronym of "Moshe" — *Myleget Shoharei Hayofi* — The Beauty-Lovers Party.

The Central Elections Committee, after giving the lists' sponsors time to correct any errors, must notify all those which receive its approval with regard to authenticity of sponsors' signatures and so forth, not later than 20 days before May 17 election day.

Lists of candidates and of sponsors, as well as the deposit, must be submitted today or tomorrow. Please hurry! Have your IL40,000 cheque for the deposit ready and your 750 signatures of sponsors, who must have the right to vote.

Mahmoud Abbasi the well-known Arab writer, has announced that he is leaving the Labour Party. Apparently he has not been promised a safe place on the Alignment list after his expectations were raised. He has reportedly launched a new "Reform Movement" list.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, the Independent Liberal leader, has demanded that the Cabinet discuss the Baka al-Gharbiye clashes on April 30 at its next session. He will ask for a state commission of enquiry, Kol said. He decided to air the issue after meeting the chairman of the Baka local council, Jalal Abu Tu'ama.

Knesset Member Zalman Shoval (Likud-La'am) who chairs the Likud's platform committee, warned that Shimon Peres, if he becomes Premier, would be "a prisoner in the hands of a group of leftists, doves and opportunists, all characterized by the ridiculous proposal to have the Defence Ministry headed by one of the men most responsible for the Yom Kippur War disaster."

The writer Moshe Shamir, who is identified with the Land of Israel Movement, said in Kiryat Gat: "We should have pity on the State of Israel and not on the Rabins."

Prof. Yigael Yadin, head of the Democratic Movement for Change, parted from Victor Tzayyar and his Zionist Panthers more in sorrow than in anger after they notified him they were quitting the bloc. "I've seek to chart an independent course, then farewell. Our aim is no different from yours. The welfare of the disadvantaged was, and will remain, at the focus of our activity."

DMC's 120-member council holds working sessions in Jerusalem today and tomorrow including a festive session at Binyamin Ha'oma. The new Rebbe of Gur, Rabbi Shmeh Benim Alter, shook the Hassidic world yesterday, with a permit to the faithful to vote for the Poale Aguda party, if they wished. In past years the Gur Hassidim were always instructed to vote solely for the Aguda party.

The Rebbe's move may conceivably have been connected with the fact that the Aguda's Shlomo Lorincz, MK, has relented, and agreed to run for re-election on the Knesset list after all. When Lorincz was placed third on the list (after being first) he was cut to the quick, and said he preferred not to run at all. Lorincz has told colleagues that the Council of Torah Sages, which guides the policies of the Aguda, has put pressure on him. Lorincz's faction generally holds aloof from Zionist ideology, and a gesture to placate Lorincz may conceivably have upset the staunchly Zionist Gur Hassidim.

Yitzhak Barka, the chairman of the ILP campaign headquarters, thinks that the May 17 elections are superfluous, for an original reason. "The fact that the Labour Party headed by Shimon Peres accepted an ultimatum by Moshe Dayan means that the nation cannot decide whether or not the Government is authorized to make peace in return for territorial compromise. The present elections are therefore premature, and we are throwing millions of pounds down the drain," Barka said.

Shaul's Amnon Zichroni, the right-hand man of Uri Avneri and his hard-working legal adviser, especially in libel cases, called on Prof. Yigael Yadin to emulate Yitzhak Barka's example and resign from DMC. "Rabin himself admitted that he violated the currency regulations," Zichroni said. Shalom Cohen, who is running with Yehoshua Peres of Ashdod port renown in the Hefezah list, grumbled about his trial and sentence last month, for demonstrating in November 1974 in Tel Aviv. "I have no complaints about political motivation in the judgement and sentence," Cohen said. "But the timing of the charge and date of the trial were a calculated political act, designed to harm the electoral prospects of my new party."

Cohen got a four months' term, suspended for three years, plus a fine of IL4,700 with the alternative of 60 days. He refused to pay the fine on novel grounds: "I don't want to exploit the fact that I personally can afford to pay the fine while others who lack the money have to sit in prison." He also objected to the fact that the suspended sentence would prevent him from taking part in any unlicensed demonstration for the next three years automatically. Samuel Fiatto Sharon, who is running on a one-man ticket found himself alongside President Ephraim Katzir at the Mimouna celebrations in Jerusalem, inside the VIP tent. His wife Amoset, who is herself a North African immigrant from a remote part of the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, was crowned "queen of the fair." Fiatto Sharon's colleagues claimed that President Katzir wished the candidate "good luck" but the President's men know nothing about this.

For See-How-They-Run's quote of the day, we are indebted to Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, MK, a fiery spokesman of the ex-Ahdut Avoda wing of Labour who is unhappy about Rabin resigning and Peres heading the Labour list. Ben-Aharon lashed out at the Attorney-General, Prof. Aharon Barak: "He fails to distinguish between a financial criminal and a simple man who merely slipped on a banana-skin."



Prof. Yigael Yadin, head of the Democratic Movement for Change, joins in the fun yesterday at the Mimouna celebration in Jerusalem's Vale of Rehavia.

**Thousands fill Vale of Rehavia**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hundreds of thousands of persons of North African origin celebrated the traditional Mimouna festival yesterday in 18 communities around the country, according to the festival organizers.

The celebrants came despite a plea by Sephardi rabbis to avoid the festivities which, they said, had turned commercial and gaudy.

The principal celebration was in Jerusalem's Vale of Rehavia, where President Ephraim Katzir paid an official visit. So did several political candidates, including Yigael Yadin, head of the Democratic Movement for Change. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had been scheduled to appear, was not there.

Early participants plinked on the slopes of the valley and in adjacent Sacher Park. Police reported no incidents.

At the municipal beach on Lake Kinneret in Tiberias, entertainment included a show of traditional North African dresses, distribution of prizes for the best delicacies and singing.

LUDVINA JANSSEN, the 34-year-old Dutch woman who was convicted of aiding a terror organization, yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court against the severity of her six-year sentence. The prosecution has also filed an appeal against the Tel Aviv court's sentence, saying it is too light.

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**Labour Central Committee endorses Peres**

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promise. This is not the ... Likud's position."

Turning to the Democratic Movement for Change's demand for electoral reform, he said: "I'm in favour of changing the electoral system but I can't say that in the coming year and a half the problem is electoral reform."

Peres said Labour's goal in foreign affairs and security was attaining a genuine peace. He warned the Arab countries against misinterpreting recent developments to conclude that Israel is weak and "now is the time to renew the military option."

In an apparent attempt to mend fences with former Prime Minister Golda Meir (who has opposed him) he said: "Mrs. Meir and the first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion enriched our lives." Mrs. Meir and former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan were conspicuous in their absence from yesterday's Central Committee meeting.

Peres concluded his speech with an address to Rabin. "The public judges a prime minister by headlines, not by the burden imposed on him, or not telephones at night and repeated warnings during the day, of conflicting expectations among the public."

Rabin "served his people and country faithfully and with full devotion ... with time ... your abilities and capabilities will surely find expression," Peres said to thundering applause. Rabin nodded in thanks.

The Prime Minister was warmly received in the hall, and by 300 to 400 people outside Beit Arlosoroff here. Several supporters of the "Citizens for Rabin Movement" carried placards saying, "Yitzhak Rabin — we're with you," and "Rabin come back — we need you."

**U.S. won't release Soviet trawlers**

SALTOUN, Georgia (UPI). — President Carter said yesterday that he had informed the Soviet Embassy that the U.S. would no longer continue to release Russian trawlers seized in U.S. waters.

Carter was asked about the seizure of a Russian trawler off the New England coast late Saturday and said that he had given the orders. Reporters were told that several of them had been released previously.

**Rabin affair busies British press**

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The British media have given Premier Rabin's resignation front-page coverage, with much concern over its implications for Middle East peace-making. The supposedly hawkish approach of Shimon Peres and the dovish line of Yigael Alon were highlighted in press and TV comments.

Some newspapers have linked Rabin's downfall to the recent spate of corruption cases. As the "Daily Telegraph" put it: "A reputation for jobbery, corruption and a tendency on the part of some of Israel's Labour establishment to regard laws as made for other people are not new." But the usually pro-Israel paper found hope in the fact that "what is new is they can no longer do so with impunity."

The role of Mrs. Rabin in her husband's downfall has focused attention on her personality, the "Daily Mail" reporting on her "unpopularity with the Israeli public due to her dominating character and pushing ways." The Sunday Express is today publishing a long story about Mrs. Rabin focusing on her comparisons of herself to the widow

**Peres promises no major change**

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Lebanon. Peres said that the Christian villagers on the Lebanese border are in a good position to defend themselves. He denied that any Christian villages had been overrun. "Khayam was not a Christian village," he said.

If the terrorists in that area endangered the security of Israel in the North, Israel would take the proper steps, he promised.

Admitting that he had had only "four or five hours sleep" since the announcement of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's resignation Thursday night, Peres said would begin his campaign as Labour's list on Wednesday.

Egyptian officials agreed yesterday that the choice of Peres not lead to many changes. Both men are hawks, they said.

The officials referred to a comment by Egyptian President Sadat made on Saturday. Sadat had said that he had no doubts in Rabin's resignation. "There are no doves in Israel. They are hawks," he was quoted as saying.

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**Peres pleads with Mapam not to split**

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was he who had arranged meeting at which Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Alon told Peres he would oppose him as Labour replaces Rabin. Meshel said he "couldn't envisage" the dissolution of Alignment in the Histadrut.

Justice Minister Haim Z. speaking with pathos, told Meshel: "Do not break the tools the government has forged." The delegation also included Ministers Shlomo Hillel, and Eban, MKs.

The Executive Committee of Mapam's kibbutz movement, was evenly divided on voting at its meeting here earlier day. But veteran leader clearly opted for continuation of Alignment, as the only alternative to "workers' hegemony."

In Alon's Kibbutz Hameuhad Central Committee meeting yesterday, Alon explained he decided to go along with Peres because a divided party had no chance of gaining the votes.

In the "fateful years before" said, the country had to deal with external pressures but internal problems such as the financial field and low morale.

Alon called for a sense of responsibility to take priority over any other considerations. He said that in his talks with Peres he preferred not to sign any documents.

His colleague in Labour's Ahdut Ha'avoda wing, Yitzhak Aharon, who for years has advocated that the wing take dependent course to the Labour, was rather conciliatory. He said: "Though opinions were different, Hameuhad accepted Alon's move."

Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who has been a vocal supporter of Rabin, said he would support Peres. He said: "I added that Shimon Peres is a hardliner in dealing with the Arabs. But we would caution against a change in leadership. Politically he is a great asset to the Labour Party."

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**U.S. press talks with Rabin**

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**TEL AVIV DISTRICT COURT**

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# Comptroller slams currency fiddles by gov't company

By MEIR MERHAV

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor  
The Comptroller has sharply criticized a Government-owned diamond exporting company for faulty accounting, which, among other things, appeared to aid and abet the evasion of foreign currency regulations by employees.

The Pituh Research and Development Company for the diamond industry managed to lose its operations in two foreign currencies. The Comptroller pointed out that the company had

Comptroller found that the company was established in the diamond industry, had accounts and payment procedures which encouraged employees to evade foreign currency regulations abroad. There also

deducted income tax not the foreign exchange made to employees, but from the company's account. The Comptroller said, "The company's employees to avoid even the foreign exchange for the payment of income tax accounting for payments abroad is done solely by company accountants, without further audit by another

and abetting of concealment of the foreign currency regulations, however, goes much further. When employees went abroad, the Comptroller noted, they received advances in foreign currency, when they returned, the company did not reclaim any surpluses actual expenditure.

company also advanced its employees foreign exchange for expenses abroad, unrelated to their duties, and collected the same in Israeli currency. Thus, the Comptroller wrote, in December the company advanced to two employees \$2,000 each, and one in 1974 an extra \$1,000 in 1974. In June 1974, the company paid one of its employees an advance of \$3,000 to finance a trip abroad. All these advances were collected in Israeli (The travel allowance for going abroad is \$450) along with the frequency of employees' trips abroad the Comptroller wrote: addition to employees staying company's branches abroad periods of half-a-year and even

more, company employees go on duty for short periods to various places in the world. The number of such trips in recent years was an average of 25 journeys a year.

The total number of company employees in 1975 and 1976 was 26, of whom seven were management, secretariat and service employees.

The company, while lax in procedures and account-keeping, and generous towards its employees, was not so successful in its business operations. In one country, Pituh ran a joint venture with the local government — the Central African Republic (the name of the country does not appear in the Comptroller's report, but is contained in the recently published report on government corporations). It lost IL2,250,000 there.

In another country the company lost \$250,000 in the last three years, closed its branch there but re-opened it in November 1976.

The Comptroller pointed out that in a third country the company both buys and sells diamonds, contrary to its supposed aims, which are to supply rough diamonds for local industry. In that country there are no records according to which commercial operations can be evaluated, but the cost of keeping the office there is \$100,000 a year.

The company also seems to sell the diamonds it buys abroad without any fixed rules. There is no record of regular buyers. There is also no clear procedure for evaluating the diamonds bought or sold. Guidelines with regard to selling prices are given orally by the company's director "which made it difficult to conduct any follow-up... since the director is abroad for long periods."

On top of all this, there is no effective control of what the company's inventories are worth, at what prices they buy and sell, and how transactions can be verified. "The company's buyers... have much freedom of action, and they are authorized to decide on purchase prices, quantities and classification. ... There is no way to ascertain that the quantities of diamonds which arrive correspond to all the transactions carried out."

The company's general manager is Ze'ev Eshel, the chairman of its board of directors is Moshe Alpan. Other members of the board are Shmuel Eden of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, B. Limor, now retired and formerly with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and A. Piersdorf, who has held various responsible positions in the public service. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is responsible for the company.



Princesses Sirindhorn and Chulabhorn of Thailand are greeted with flowers and their country's new ambassador to Israel, Swate Komalbhuti, as they step off an El Al plane from Teheran yesterday followed by their entourage. The two princesses, who have come for a 10-day visit, walked smiling along a red carpet where they were greeted by the President's aide-de-camp, scores of Thais who live in Israel and hundreds of local schoolchildren waving Thai and Israeli flags. Along the carpet Thai women clad in long dresses bowed to their knees and presented

flowers in little dishes wrapped in white napkins. The princesses arrived with a delegation including a military aide-de-camp and agricultural experts. Princess Sirindhorn told a reporter: "I study geography, and agricultural affairs interest me greatly." After the airport reception the princesses drove to Jerusalem. Newly arrived Thai ambassador Komalbhuti presented his credentials to President Katsir on Sunday so that he would be able to greet the princesses as a full-fledged ambassador.

(Israel Sun)

## Fans brave heat at Maccabi 'festival'

TEL AVIV. — To the cheering, shouting and singing of some 90,000 fans Maccabi Tel Aviv players, who won the European Cup last week, received the keys of the city from Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday afternoon.

Despite the shavar, some fans had been waiting for 3 1/2 hours when the team arrived at the Yarkon Park in police vans at 4 p.m. Young fans attempted to swamp the victorious team. But policemen held them back and the players made their way unmolested to the stage where Mayor Lahat, MK Moshe Dayan, and master of ceremonies Uri Zohar were waiting.

Such was the noisy enthusiasm of the crowd that Lahat was unable to make himself heard. He contented himself with calling upon the crowd to give the team three hearty cheers and then presented the keys of the city to team members. Garlands of flowers were also placed around their necks.

Team Captain Tal Brody, who was able to impose a measure of quiet, said the team had done the unbelievable, proving that everything

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

is possible for someone who wants it badly enough.

Fans were entertained with music broadcast from loudspeakers and a six-piece band. The most popular song of the afternoon was "Maccabi she'ani."

For the benefit of the hungry there were at least 35 kiosks selling a variety of food from corn-on-the-cob to hot dogs. At least five peddlars were hawking IL25 T-shirts decorated with pictures of the players. One salesman offered a gold key chain, with the team emblem, for IL10. One hawk was selling Israeli flags.

Although the police were prepared for 150,000 fans, and any possible disasters, the crowd was a good-natured one. About the only trouble came when several people, including children, fainted from the heat and the excitement.

While most of the fans were on the

younger side of 30, there was a goodly portion of oldsters.

The team's arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday morning was a much quieter affair. Authorities at Ben-Gurion, fearing chaos at the airport, had been issuing a variety of contradictory statements about when and where the players would arrive.

In addition, the flight was delayed in Belgrade when the Maccabi management refused to allow fans to travel back to Israel with the players.

After several fistfights, hours of negotiation and a six-hour delay, the plane with the fans on board took off.

When the players finally did arrive yesterday morning, on an El Al Jumbo at 6.30 a.m., the only people on hand were hundreds of policemen and border patrol units, some 15 photographers and reporters, and half-a-dozen fans who had been waiting outside the arrival lounge at the airport throughout the night.

18 ENTRANTS picked the 13 correct results in last week's Sportoto football pool. Each won IL41,000. Twelve correct results were worth IL725, 11 winners earned IL45, and ten picks collected IL10.50.

## East, West Christians mark Easter

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Latin and Greek Orthodox ceremonies took place in close succession yesterday as Christians from East and West celebrated Easter on the same day.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was filled with hundreds for the Roman Catholic Pontifical High Mass, led by the Latin Patriarch, Monsignor Giacomo Beltritti, at 10.30 a.m.

But the throngs were greater for the Greek Orthodox procession and mass at 12.30. Observers noted that virtually all of the 5,000 pilgrims from Cyprus and Greece tried to witness the ceremonies. Many reportedly spent the night in the sanctuary in order to be assured of the place. Due to the illness of the patriarch, the rites were led by Metropolitan Vasilios.

Elsewhere in the city, a record 1,750 worshippers attended an English sunrise service at the Garden Tomb. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Goodwin Hudson of London and the choir was Singers of Praise, a group gathered from all over Israel.

An official of the Garden Tomb said that services in other languages, beginning with German at 5 a.m. and ending with Swedish at 11.45, were not as well attended as in previous years.

But Easter did not go smoothly for all. A delegation of Russian churchmen who arrived on Saturday found that their luggage, containing all their vestments, had gone astray somewhere between Moscow and Ben-Gurion Airport.

## Art work for defence fund

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 60 top Israeli artists have donated their works, worth IL1m, for the benefit of the voluntary defence fund, Moshe Gliboa, director of the fund, said at a press conference yesterday. The works will be displayed this week at the artists' pavilion in Rehov Alhazid here.

Two works are priced at IL100,000. One, by the late Reuven Rubin titled "Pomegranates on my Window," was previously exhibited at the Tel Aviv Museum. Sculptor Eli Eilan also set IL100,000 as the price of his contribution. Agam priced his "Agamogramme" of Ben-Gurion at IL30,000. There are cheaper entries, too. Anna Ticho has set IL25,000 for a rare water-colour.

## Boy hurt in blast

A 14-year-old boy from Beit Sahur village near Bethlehem was seriously injured yesterday when an object he picked up exploded. Police said the boy, Mohammed Abu Dar, had evidently been playing with the object. They are trying to determine what it was.

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## Hebron mayor to visit Arab states

AMMAN (Reuters). — The first official delegation from Hebron to visit other Arab countries will start its trip this week, Fahd Kawasme, the Mayor of Hebron, said here.

The Mayor, who arrived here on Friday, has conferred with Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran. Kawasme said he would leave for Saudi Arabia next week and go on to Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait. He said that he would discuss with Arab leaders the situation in Hebron and seek funds to finance municipal projects.

Yesterday, Badran conferred with Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa. The latter arrived earlier in the day with a number of his city councillors. The purpose of the visit was not disclosed. Shawa is expected to meet King Hussein today.

## Tear gas used in Nablus rioting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NABLUS. — Security forces used tear gas yesterday to break up a demonstration staged here in protest against Israeli settlement in the area.

The security forces took the measure when scores of schoolchildren, shouting anti-Israel slogans, stormed the central square and tossed rocks at passing vehicles. The demonstrators later withdrew to the old Casbah marketplace where they continued to throw stones and burn tyres for some time from behind the district's fortified ancient walls.

Shopkeepers who closed down during the rioting reopened their premises later in the day.

An undisclosed number of youths were detained at the end of the demonstrations staged for the second straight day.

## East Jerusalem woman found slain in home

Police in Jerusalem yesterday opened an investigation into the death of Meliha Aref Abu Gosh, 40, whose battered body was found early yesterday morning in her East Jerusalem home.

The woman's husband told police that he found her body when he returned from work to their Sheikh Jarrah Quarter flat. He then called the police and a doctor.

The police said they have as yet no motive for the killing. The husband is not being held.

## Canadian Defence Minister re-for talks with Peres

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Canadian Defence Minister Bernard J. Danson arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit as guest of Israel's Defence Minister Shimon Peres, who is Jewish, arrived from Damascus where he met Syrian opposition leader and former Canadian UN units serving on the Golan line. He told reporters here that he had not had any chance of contacting representatives of the Damascus Jewish community or other Syrian Jews because of the intensive schedule prepared for him by his Syrian hosts.

Asked whether he would discuss the possible sale of Canadian-produced jet engines as a possible substitute for the U.S. engines used to power Israel's Kfir fighter, Danson replied evasively that he was "interested in all subjects of joint interest."

## Inquents excel Civil Guard

AVIV (Itim). — Forty

young men, some with police experience, have recently joined the branch of the Civil Guard, according to the Guard's national officer, Holon commander Roni. He says the boys are now among the most active and outstanding members.

A newsletter says the boys come from a neighbourhood peopled by long-time ma'abara (shanty-dwellers). There is a high level of lawbreaking in the neighbourhood, and this had included disturbances outside the Civil Guard base, which is sited there. When the boys were first offered membership in the Guard they were reluctant, the newsletter said, but since their induction they made the base their second home.

(Use of a non-U.S. engine could enable Israel to evade the veto Washington has been exercising on Kfir exports to Latin American and other countries.)

Danson arrived here on board a special Canadian Air Force 707 jet. He was welcomed on behalf of Peres by Aluf Raphael Vardi, chief of the IDF Manpower Division, who expressed the minister's regrets at being unable to welcome his guest personally.

(Peres was at the time engaged in yet another round of talks on the Labour Party's Knesset list.)

The two ministers, however, were to meet last night at a formal reception and dinner given by Peres in honour of his Canadian guest.

Barnet, who said he will visit Canadian forces on the Golan and Sinai lines while here, will go on



Barnet Danson, Canadian Defence Minister, arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday for a three-day visit and is greeted by Aluf Raphael Vardi, head of the IDF Manpower branch. Defence Minister Shimon Peres had planned to receive Mr. Danson, but was detained at the Labour Party special session.

(Israel Sun)

from Israel to Egypt. Danson, 56, is a native of Toronto. A World War II veteran, he was wounded while serving in combat with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

He was appointed Minister of National Defence in November 1976.

## 'Kidnapper' runs amok

Police in Jerusalem yesterday used tear gas to restrain a father who refused to accept a High Court order to return his three young daughters to their mother in France.

The three Lelouche girls — aged seven, five and three — are meanwhile scheduled to be flown back to France today or tomorrow, at the expense of the French Consulate.

The Lelouche case began last July 3, when the father, Claude, took the three girls out under his visiting rights. Instead of returning them to his former wife Rachel, he took them on a tour through several European countries ending two months later in Israel.

He notified the French Consulate on his arrival here, and at first expressed willingness to return if they would finance the trip. But later he backed down, apparently out of fear of prosecution in France for kidnapping.

At the behest of the mother, the Consulate subsequently took legal action.

At the High Court yesterday, a three-justice panel, stressing the Court's policy of upholding the decisions of foreign courts, told the tense Lelouche that he must give the girls up. He loudly objected, and was told that if he did not restrain himself he would be held in contempt of court.

Nevertheless, when Lelouche walked out to the corridor, where his three daughters had been running about happily, he began to run amok, and the girls, startled, began to cry. Court attendants tried to subdue him, and when they failed police sprayed him with tear gas.

The girls were meanwhile taken by Mrs. Anna Pollan, wife of the attorney representing the Consulate. The Consulate said yesterday that they will enable Lelouche to accompany them back to France if he so wishes.

## Dutchmen to plant Yad Vashem trees

Seven Dutchmen will have trees planted in their names today in Yad Vashem's Avenue of Righteous Gentiles in recognition of their bravery in saving Jews during the Holocaust.

Hendrik Sietema will receive a medal — Yad Vashem's highest honour — and plant a tree in his and his brother Henk's names. The two found safe places for Jews while working in the Dutch resistance. Both were arrested by the Nazis and put in concentration camps, where Henk died.

Theo and Eva Maria Bol hid eight Jews in their home for 11 months. Theo Bol's widow received the Yad Vashem medal in 1969, and his three children have now arrived in Israel to plant the tree.

Arie and Maria Bergwerff also hid Jews in their home. Arie Bergwerff died of injuries sustained in a concentration camp. His widow has already received the Yad Vashem medal through the Israeli embassy in Holland.

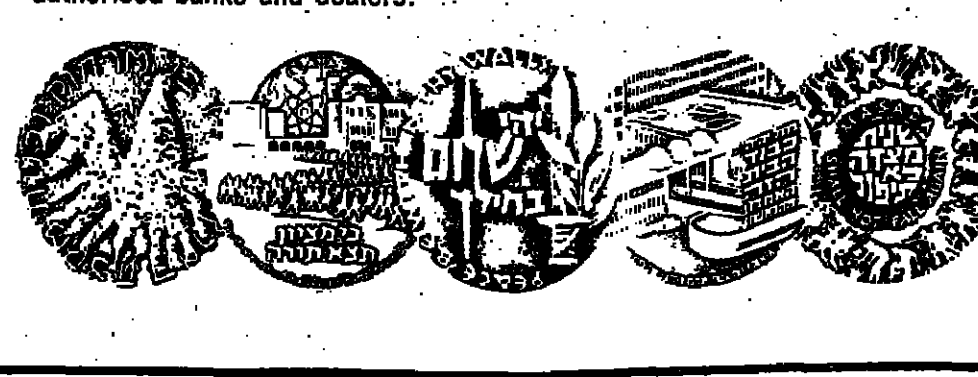
The fourth tree to be planted today is named for Piet Aarts who organized an entire village for the Dutch resistance and hid many Jews in transit, providing them with papers and food coupons.

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The conference will open at 5 p.m. All new immigrant activists working in the elections organization are invited.

Opening remarks: **Mordechai Dayan**  
Addresses: **Menahem Begin, M.K.**  
**Simha Ehrlich, M.K.**  
**Yigal Horowitz, M.K.**

Remarks on Likud platform information, the budget and organization will be given by **Uri Oren, Haim Aharon, and Moshe Stein.**

Concluding remarks: **Knesset Deputy Speaker, Ben-Zion Keshet, M.K.**  
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## 'La Pasionaria' due back soon

# Spanish Communists now legal

BARCELONA, Spain (UPI) — Spain's Communist Party, on Saturday finally declared itself by the government, yesterday began preparing for its first parliamentary election in more than 30 years.

As party members cruised through downtown Madrid honking their horns and waving red flags bearing the hammer and sickle, party leaders announced the imminent return from her Moscow exile of the party's 81-year-old president, Dolores Ibarruri — the fiery Civil War orator "La Pasionaria."

Party militants also held numerous private fiestas to celebrate.

The legalization of the long-banned party in a surprise Easter weekend announcement cleared away the last

big obstacle to Spain's June parliamentary elections, the first free ones since 1936. The move also was expected to bolster Premier Adolfo Suarez's intention, unless King Juan Carlos disagrees, to stay in power no matter who wins.

A jubilant Communist official said yesterday that the party, outlawed when the late General Francisco Franco won the Spanish Civil War in 1939, would have no objection if Suarez wanted to remain as premier.

Reaction from the rest of the country's politicians and press was largely favourable. Hardline Francoists, as expected, called the legalization betrayal.

The Interior Ministry announced on Saturday that the party had been

declared legal after the attorney general had found nothing in its by-laws that conflicted with the penal code.

The Interior Ministry ruled on the matter after the country's supreme court refused to determine whether the Communists violated a recent law barring legalization of parties that are subject to international discipline and have totalitarian aims. The law had been aimed specifically at the Communists.

The 160,000-member party, underground since the war but openly tolerated by Suarez since the first of the year, thus became inscribed officially as Spain's 125th legal "political association."

(AP, UPI)

## Egypt opposition can't travel without permission

CAIRO — Leaders of the Egyptian leftist political party have been banned from travelling outside Egypt without permission of security authorities, the weekly party organ "Rose el-Youssef" reported yesterday.

The magazine said Khaled Mohamed, the party leader, was banned from travelling without prior permission.

Those affected also included Kamal Refaat, leader of the Nasserite group which supports the policies of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Egypt adopted a law in May 1971, abolishing such travel bans.

But there has been a clamp-down on the left since last January's food riots, which the government blamed on communists.

Meanwhile, former Vice-President Kamal Eddin Hussein, ousted from parliament in February for criticizing President Anwar Sadat's anti-riot measures, won a court battle yesterday in an effort to regain his legislative seat.

An appeals court upheld Hussein's constitutional right to be a candidate in Tuesday's special election.

(Reuters, AP)

## Jackson reported architect of Carter's Salt proposals

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senator Henry Jackson, a hardliner on Soviet policy, was a major behind-the-scenes architect of the strategic arms proposals President Carter sent to Moscow, congressional sources disclosed over the weekend.

They said the Washington Democrat proposed key elements of the package Carter eventually adopted, including the call for sweeping reductions of nuclear arsenals.

The sources, who have first-hand knowledge of Carter-Jackson consultations, did not claim that Jackson had originated this idea or that he forced anything on Carter in return for his Senate influence.

But they said Carter began soliciting Jackson's advice on Salt (strategic arms limitation talks) strategy nearly two months before the Moscow negotiations. Jackson gave it verbally and in writing, and some of his suggestions squared exactly with what became official U.S. positions, they said.

Their disclosures confirmed Soviet claims that Jackson played a major role in formulating Carter's Salt package. The Russians consider Jackson, a defence expert, their

arch-enemy in Congress.

They rejected all Carter's proposals.

According to sources, the President first invited Jackson to the White House on February 4 to discuss the Salt talks that took place in Moscow March 28-30.

Carter took extensive notes on Jackson's comments and asked for a detailed memorandum of his views. The senator attended other weekly meetings at the White House.

From various sources, it was learned that Jackson's memo included the following suggestions later reflected in Carter's official Salt proposals:

- Deep reductions in missile and bomber ceilings tentatively agreed to at Vladivostok in 1974.
- U.S. retention of the right to develop and deploy an air-launched cruise missile with a range of up to 2,480 km, but no greater.
- Abandoning U.S. insistence on linking Cruise-missile limitations rigidly to identical limitations on the Soviet "Backfire" bomber.

Jackson was among the first to defend Carter's proposals after the Soviets rejected them. He called the package "fundamentally right."

## Carter's restrictions hang over nuclear conference

PERSEPOLIS, Iran (UPI) — Over 500 scientists from 41 countries gathered here yesterday for an international conference on nuclear technology overshadowed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter's recent move to curb nuclear exports and to delay construction of fast-breeder reactors.

Opening messages from Carter and Iran's Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi heightened the expected conflict between the U.S. and non-nuclear countries who may see Washington's restrictions on exports of fissionable material with weapons potential as hampering their access to nuclear energy.

The Carter message read to the delegates to the five-day conference on "all nations" to "share the responsibility to bring the benefits of nuclear science and technology to mankind within a framework which assumes that its destructive potential is never unleashed."

The Shah said he shared "your deep interest in nuclear energy and I am profoundly conscious of the potential dangers," but added: "It is now clear to us all that the prevailing world dualism (withholding nuclear material and knowhow from nations such as Iran) more than any other factor inhibits the potentialities of

mankind for achieving a more equitable and healthy environment to live in. Technology has the inherent capacity to alleviate this dualism."

The Shah's message said Iran would forge ahead with its ambitious nuclear reactor programme aimed at producing 35,000 megawatts of nuclear power by 1982.

Carter last week announced an open-ended moratorium on development of breeder reactors, which produce additional fuel but are powered by weapons-usable plutonium, and on commercial export of highly enriched uranium. He continued a ban on exports of uranium enrichment and nuclear fuel reprocessing equipment, but bowed legislation to help "guarantee delivery of nuclear fuel to other countries."

The U.S. delegates to the conference in central Iran include Carter's atomic policy adviser Lawrence Scheinman as well as the president-elect of the American Nuclear Society, Joseph Dietrich, who opposes the Carter policy as "too restrictive" on foreign nations which don't have America's coal or oil resources to rely on as an alternative to nuclear energy development.

## Air controllers on trial

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (Reuters) — Eight airport flight controllers go on trial today, charged with causing an airliner collision in which 176 people died.

The accident last September was the world's worst mid-air collision. A British Airways Trident and a Yugoslav DC-8 charter airliner struck in midflight. All passengers and crew aboard the two airliners were killed.

If convicted, the controllers face prison sentences of up to 20 years.

The main accused, controller Gradimir Tasic, 28, is charged with failing to apply the regulations prescribed for separating the planes.

The court will also hear various charges of negligence against the other seven controllers. "These include arriving late at work, leaving their posts before their replacements came and failing to help Tasic when he was obviously overloaded with work."

## Egyptian gangster kills 8 in his gang

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian underworld leader massacred eight members of his gang with machine-gun fire yesterday when he caught them in a secret meeting, police reported.



FROM PRESIDENT TO PROF. — Former U.S. President Gerald Ford, now adjunct professor of political science at the University of Michigan, began teaching a course on the presidency late last week to juniors and seniors.

(AP radiophoto)

## Seven blacks slain as 'sell-outs' in Rhodesia

SALISBURY — Troops shadowed by helicopters were combing the rain-drenched eastern Rhodesian highlands yesterday for the black gunmen who massacred seven black tea plantation workers on Good Friday.

Security chiefs blamed Communist-backed insurgents for the massacre — the worst since seven white Roman Catholic priests and nuns were slain in northwestern Rhodesia two months ago.

The men were gunned down a few kilometres from where 77 other tea plantation workers were shot to death in front of their wives last December, according to sources.

"The message is clear enough," said one security source. "Any black man who wants to earn his living working for a white man is a sell-out in the eyes of the terrorists (the popular Rhodesian reference to terrorists)."

Propaganda notes supporting the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) guerrilla army of Robert Mugabe, which is the biggest nationalist force operating in Rhodesia, were found beside the bullet-riddled corpses.

In a "familiarisation" mission, British Foreign Secretary David Owen will begin his southern Africa tour in Dar Es Salaam today by meeting Mugabe and Tanzania President Julius Nyerere. Nyerere is particularly influential in the situation as chairman of the group of five front-line states who have been given special responsibility for the rebel British colony by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

## Haley may have found weeds in researching 'Roots'

LONDON — Black American author Alex Haley obtained much information for the African section of his best-selling book "Roots" from unreliable sources and "concocted" he may have been misled, according to an article in the London "Sunday Times."

"But Haley still maintains, with some justification, that the symbolic truth of 'Roots' remains unaltered," writer Mark Ottaway concluded in the copyrighted article.

The book, which appeared last fall, was turned into a week-long television series that was the most watched show of all time in the U.S. The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) began screening the television serial over the Easter weekend.

## U.S. cool to overtures from Gaddafi

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — President Mu'ammer Gaddafi is sending signals to Washington that Libya wants improved relations with the U.S.

But the U.S. response has been cool. Washington administration sources hold that Libya's support for international terrorism and its membership in the "rejection front" seeking Israel's extinction precludes any agreement.

Since the start of the year, Gaddafi has sent two effusive messages to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, offering "to foster relations of cooperation" with the new administration.

Simultaneously, Libya has launched a low-key, people-to-people approach, offering, among other projects, to participate in an Islamic Studies Centre at Washington's Georgetown University and inviting members of Indiana University to discuss the growing amount of Libyan students in the U.S.

Most of the official initiatives have been politely rebuffed. Gaddafi, a devout Muslim who has made the Koran one of the touchstones of his 1969 revolutionary coup, alluded in his messages to Carter's "call for the observance of spiritual values."

His hope, according to officials here, was that two deeply religious leaders could patch up some of the differences between the two countries. But Carter's reply did not go beyond a formal acknowledgement.

The 13-man American mission in Tripoli has been headed by a charge d'affaires for the past five years since the departure of the last U.S. ambassador and the 1970 closing of the sprawling U.S. Air Force base at Wheelus. The departures of American and British forces from their former bases are now celebrated as national holidays.

## New U.S. study clears saccharin

BALTIMORE (AP) — The consumption of saccharin does not have a significant effect on the development of bladder cancer in humans, a research group here says.

A Johns Hopkins University research group studied 1,088 persons over a four-year period to determine the effect of artificial sweeteners on humans. "The Baltimore Sun" said in its Sunday edition.

The Food and Drug Administration's ban on saccharin was based on a Canadian research project that said a steady consumption of saccharin resulted in the development of bladder cancer in some rats.

However, the Hopkins study refutes the cancer findings of the Canadian project.

The FDA ban will not take effect before July at the earliest.

## Argentina uneasy over human rights

A YEAR AFTER they seized power in Argentina from the chaotic government of Maria Estela Peron, the military rulers led by Gen. Jorge Videla are in the saddle. However, in their second year of rule, they still have to cope with the guerrillas, labour unrest, a scraggy economy — and the human rights issue.

Rumours of a cabinet reshuffle have been denied by the military authorities who said they would carry on with the job of pulling the country to its feet after it has seen nine military coups in the last 36 years. Nothing is being about the return to civilian rule.

But in one sphere the military rulers can show satisfaction: the war on leftist guerrillas, who for seven years tried to promote revolution through violence.

Three months ago, Videla, in his first press conference after his coup, set a confident mood. "We are very close to military victory. The armed wing of the opponent is practically annihilated."

THE SITUATION TODAY appears to bear this out. While anti-guerrilla action — which at times reached the proportions of an all-out war — made headlines last year, present-day news is much more muted. Nevertheless, indications are that the war is continuing but is being conducted by the government in a much more silent manner.

The military undoubtedly has the upper hand. The Marxist People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) is a pale shadow of what it once was, with neo-Peronist Montonero guerrillas recently having been dying at the rate of 10 a day. As the more experienced guerrillas are killed off or put in prison bars, their places are taken by teenagers of both sexes who seem no match for the armed forces.

The Argentine newspaper "La Opinion" has estimated that since the 1976 military coup, the guerrillas lost 2,600 killed and 1,400 desertions. This is about 80 per cent of the guerrilla strength, means there should be about 1,000 guerrillas left.

The only prominent guerrilla leader still alive today is reported to be Montonero chief Mario Firmenich, the lone survivor of the youths who in 1972 kidnapped and murdered President Pedro Aramburu to unleash the guerrilla movement among disgruntled Argentine adolescents.

THE GUERRILLAS have thus been reduced to making bomb attacks, only with the view of killing as many military men as possible in fewer. This doesn't seem effective, although they could have pulled off the effective operation on February 18. That day, Videla himself escaped attack when a bomb exploded at the side of an airport runway as his plane only 50 metres in the air after take-off.

The junta also faces a mess on labour and economic fronts. A wage imposed when it took power pulled down earnings to the lowest level in years; cutting government administrative costs resulted in dismissals; a phenomenon spreading on a wide scale in the labour sector in Argentina. Argentines *trabajando con tristeza* (working with sadness) or what was here in Israel as *shvina klama* — a go-slow strike.

With inflation running at 10 per cent a month and salaries some 60 per cent lower than a year ago, the military junta is watching the labour front with much concern.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS issue is figuring prominently in Argentine these days and this is complicating the picture. The wave of repression against guerrillas and other leftist elements brought protests at home and abroad. Hundreds of people have been reported kidnapped from homes and workplaces by armed men claiming to be police; others have simply disappeared. There is no reliable estimate of the number of detainees in jail clandestine detention places, but some reports place it at 7,000.

Argentina was one of the first countries, with Uruguay and Ethiopia, to weight of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's criticism of violations of human rights. The U.S. backed this up by trimming Argentina's arms purchases, mostly naval equipment, from \$30m to \$15m.

Gen. Videla is concerned over all this and the government has begun to ease up its human rights record. After Amnesty International visited a time a few months ago, detention orders against 1,800 persons were some detained persons were handed over to the courts; some guerrillas tried by courts martial, but no death sentences were given.

The military men know that over human rights they cannot cross President Carter and the governments of the European Economic Community but Argentina just can't afford to lose its export markets. Carter's strike made the Argentine junta understandably angry — and decidedly uneasy.

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## Assistance Scheme for Young Couples

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From this date, there will be an increase in the monthly sums to be repaid by persons granted loans under the "Young Couples" scheme and who hold a valid rights certificate.\*

This change will not affect persons who receive a loan up to and including June 30, 1977.

In addition, the amount of assistance granted to young couples with a large number of points will be increased for certain towns, effective April 1, 1977.

Eligible couples will be granted assistance as follows:

### 1) Loan for purchase of flat

Table of loans and monthly payments in IL\*\* (in parentheses) according to points and location of flat (numbers in larger type refer to loans which have been increased).

No. of points	Development towns	Group 1 towns	Group 2 towns	Group 3 towns	Group 4 towns	Group 5 towns	Group 6 towns
up to 390	130,000 (500)	100,000 (500)	50,000 (1010)	40,000 (820)	60,000 (1230)	50,000 (1010)	
400—790	130,000 (500)	100,000 (500)	50,000 (840)	40,000 (680)	60,000 (1060)	60,000 (1060)	
800—990	130,000 (500)	100,000 (500)	80,000 (670)	60,000 (480)	95,000 (850)	85,000 (740)	
1000—1190	130,000 (500)	100,000 (500)	90,000 (675)	70,000 (510)	120,000 (900)	95,000 (740)	
1200—1390	130,000 (500)	100,000 (500)	90,000 (530)	80,000 (445)	130,000 (850)	95,000 (590)	
1400 and over	140,000 (540)	110,000 (540)	110,000 (525)	100,000 (460)	140,000 (790)	105,000 (530)	

The total amount of mortgage assistance from all sources may not exceed 90% of the price of the flat, including V.A.T.

\* A definition of rights may be found in the Ministry of Housing booklet.

\*\* The monthly payments during the first three years after receipt of the loan.

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- 3rd Group: Even Yehuda, Or Yehuda, Ashdod, Beer Yaakov, Beit Dagan, Binyamina, Givat Ada, Gedera, Ganei Tikva, Zichron Yaakov, Tirat Hacarmel, Yahud, Lod, Mazkeret Batya, Nahariya, Nesher, Pardess Hanna, Pardessiya, Kadima, Kiryat Ata, Kiryat Yam, Kiryat Ekron, Rechasim, Ramla, Ramat Yishai, Rosh Ha'ayin.
- 4th Group: Asor, Bnei Brak, Bat Yam, Givatayim, Givat Shmuel, Hod Hasharon, Herzliya, Hadera, Holon, Haifa, Tivon, Kfar Saba, Neve Efrayim (Monosson), Nahalat Yehuda, Ness Ziona, Netanya, Petah Tikva, Kiryat Omer, Kiryat Bialik, Kiryat Motzkin, Rishon Lezion, Rehovot, Ramat Hasharon, Ramot Hasharon, Ramat Gan, Raanana, Tel Aviv.
- 5th Group: Jerusalem, Mevasseret Yerushalayim, Maor Zion.
- 6th Group: Beersheba, Givat Olga, Kfar Yona, Atil.

\* For the purposes of housing assistance, Or Akiva and Ashkelon are not considered development towns.

The loans listed in the table are for the purchase of flats in all parts of the country, with an AREA of up to 75 sq.m. (GROSS), costing not more than IL250,000 (IL270,000 in Jerusalem), including V.A.T.

There is no limit on the size or price of flats purchased in development towns.

- Young couples purchasing a flat not larger than 64 sq.m. (gross) with at least 1½ rooms, will be granted an additional IL20,000 effective April 1, 1977.
- Couples choosing to live in neighbourhoods or towns classified "preferred" by the Ministry of Housing will be eligible for greater assistance, even if they have a low number of points.
- Young couples purchasing a new flat in development towns will receive, in addition to the loan, a conditional grant of IL15,000 to IL45,000 according to the location. The grant will be given on condition that the couple live there for at least five years.
- Couples purchasing a new flat in Beit Shean, Maalot, Kiryat Shmona or Shlomi will be eligible for a IL28,000 grant in addition to the loan and conditional grant to cover costs resulting from building to the "security" specification.

### 2) Rented flats

- Young couples with at least 1,400 points may rent a flat, subject to availability, under the conditions offered by the housing companies. In a number of towns, mainly the development towns, rental flats may be available to those with a lower number of points.
- In some towns, the Ministry of Housing pays part of the rent of those with 1,400 points or more.

This contribution by the Ministry of Housing applies to 2-3 room flats, and will not exceed 75% of the amount paid by the couple, and in any case not more than IL300 per month (IL350 in Jerusalem).

Young couples in required professions who move to a development town can rent a new flat, with an option to buy. The purchase price will be determined at the time of purchase, and part of the rent paid will be put against the price.

Registration for housing assistance to young couples (also possible by post)

Applicants must fill out the appropriate form, available at registration offices, offices of the public housing companies, and on application in writing to P.O.B. 1462, Jerusalem.

Addresses of the above are available at area offices of the Ministry of Housing (see last section of this notice).

Further details of the scheme may be found in the booklet issued by the Ministry of Housing for young couples, available at the places given above.



3+ Scheme

for those living in overcrowded conditions (3 or more persons to a room) continuously since April 1, 1973.

Amendments to the Ministry of Housing's 3+ Scheme will become effective on July 1, 1977.

From that date, the amount of monthly payments by those with rights granted loans will be increased, and the amount of loans to large families will be raised. More convenient terms for loan repayment will be given to those receiving a loan up to June 30, 1977.

- This scheme covers the granting of loans for the purchase of a flat, or for the enlargement of an existing flat.

Up to June 30, 1977, the amount of loans given to those with rights under this scheme will be between IL30,000 and IL120,000:

To a family without housing	up to IL120,000
To a family of 8 or more, with housing	up to IL120,000
To a family of 7, with housing	up to IL110,000
To a family of 6, with housing	up to IL100,000
To a family of 5, with housing	up to IL 90,000
The maximum loan is subject to an IL10,000 addition in Jerusalem.	

These loans are not available in development towns, where increased assistance is given, without reference to overcrowding.

### Registration for the 3+ Scheme

Applicants for assistance under this scheme should fill out an application form at one of the branches of Bank Tefahot. This bank is responsible for registration, determining applicants' rights, and implementing the scheme.

### Development Areas Scheme

- In development areas, large loans are granted for flat purchase, for owner-occupier construction, and for the enlargement of existing flats.

These loans are given to those living in these areas, and to those moving to a development area.

The maximum assistance is given to families without housing. Two-thirds of the maximum for a particular town is given to those with housing. Families who already own a flat will not be required to sell it as a condition to receiving this assistance, but those who do sell such a flat will be given easier repayment terms.

- In addition to the loan for the purchase of a new flat, a conditional grant is made of between IL15,000 and IL45,000 (depending on the town). This money becomes a grant, after 5 years residence in the town.

In Beit Shean, Maalot, Kiryat Shmona and Shlomi, in addition to the loan and conditional grant for the purchase of a new flat, a grant of IL28,000 is made, to cover additional expenses due to construction to the "security" specification.

- An additional loan of IL20,000 is given to those who buy a flat of up to 64 sq.m. (gross), with at least 1½ rooms.

### Assistance to those in required professions

The Ministry of Housing gives additional inducements to those in preferred professions who move to a development town.

- Those in preferred professions who move to a development town may rent a new flat for a period of 3 years. During or at the end of this period, the flat may be purchased at a price to be determined at the time of purchase. Part of the rent paid will be put against the price.
- Easier loan repayment terms will be given to those in preferred professions.

### ASSISTANCE LEVELS AND MONTHLY PAYMENTS (IL)

		Group 1 towns	Group 2 towns
Purchase terms — families without housing	Loan Monthly payment Monthly payment — young couples / preferred professions	130,000 500 500	100,000 570 500
Purchase terms — families with housing	Loan Monthly payment Monthly payment — preferred professions Monthly payment — owned flat not sold (pref. prof. and others)	85,000 330 330 430	65,000 430 330 430
Purchase terms — one person	Loan Monthly payment Monthly payment — preferred professions	65,000 250 250	50,000 330 250

Group 1: Eilat, Beit Shean, Hatzor, Yerusham, Maalot, Mitzpe Ramon, Kiryat Shmona, Shlomi.

Group 2: Ofakim, Beit Shmesh, Dimona, Tiberias, Yavneh, Yokne'am, Yamit, Carmiel, Migdal Ha'emek, Upper Nazareth, Netivot, Acre, Afula, Arad, Safad, Kiryat Malachi, Kiryat Arba, Kiryat Gat, Sderot.

### PLEASE NOTE!

- These details are correct at this date. Changes may be made in the conditions applying to the various schemes, and these will be publicized in the press, notices, and by other means.
- This notice does not give all details of the schemes. FULLER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING'S BOOKLET. The conditions applying will be those in force at the time assistance is given.
- Additional information and explanations are available at district offices of the Ministry of Housing, and offices of government urban housing companies.

### MINISTRY OF HOUSING DISTRICT OFFICES

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Central District — 113 Rehov Hahashmona'im, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-269211.  
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Negev — Mercas Hanegv Building, Derech Metzada, Beersheba, Tel. 057-94911.

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Michael Hordern stars in Tom Stoppard's "Jumpers."

# Choose from Stoppard, Christie, Pinter or Coward

## London theatre: still superb and cheap

LONDON LETTER / Mark Segal

MILLIONS of foreign visitors pour into London annually with one aim — to pay homage to the British theatre. In the summer there are hardly any natives to be seen in the non-air-conditioned West End theatres. Instead, there are hundreds of Americans, Germans and Scandinavians, as well as Israelis, the latter collapsing into their seats after a day of intensive shopping.

No other capital city today offers so much varied entertainment at such reasonable prices. Tens of thousands of fans may frequent the huge pop concerts, but the resonant English of Shakespeare still lures many to Stratford-on-Avon and numerous theatres in London and the provinces. Indeed, the latest production at the National Theatre is Julius Caesar (in modern dress), directed by John Schlesinger, who took leave from films to provide John Gielgud with a vehicle of tremendous power. Gielgud's huge voice resounds through the hall, a radical change after years of low-key acting in Pinter's "No Man's Land." His performance, together with that of Sir Ralph Richardson, is an unforgettable theatrical experience.

The National Theatre (NT) has made much money out of the Pinter play, especially from its New York run. Indeed, the transfer of such box office draws to the West End has produced yelps of protest from managers of commercial theatres who complain of unfair competition from subsidized theatre. Newspaper

gossip has made much of the four per cent royalty that Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre, received when his production of "No Man's Land" ran at the Wyndham. It emerged that the all-powerful professional union — Equity — insisted on this arrangement. Hall continues to be the focus of controversy, with a campaign of criticism aimed at him by various newspapers. But no one gainsays his great talents at theatre direction (and politics) which created the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC).

The National Theatre has just completed its first year and its majestic, modernistic outlines have already become part of the skyline on the River Thames, alongside the Royal Festival Hall complex and the National Film Theatre.

The NT contains three halls: the Olivier, which is an open-stage; the smaller Lyttelton — with a proscenium arch; and the smallest — the Cottesloe, for experimental drama. Apart from the eight bars, there is constant activity in the foyers and terraces (hahimah, please note!) — exhibitions of paintings and photographs, plus poetry readings, mime performances and classical and jazz concerts daily — just before the plays begin. All the latter are free. Unlike subsidized theatre in Israel, the NT charges the absolute minimum for most seats.

Twenty-five per cent are priced at £1 each, and some at half of that, which is why the place hums with activity and young people all day and every evening.

Because the National Theatre has the best English actors and directors at its command the performances are usually superb. Albert Finney is starring in Christopher Marlowe's gory pageant "Tamburlaine the Great" with a cast of 51 — it has not been performed for 25 years. Another revival — Goldoni's comedy, "Il Campiello," proved a flop; not even Beryl Reid (Killing of Sister George, Entertaining Mr. Sloane) could save it.

Nostalgia being today's great British growth industry, Noel Coward's comedy "Blithe Spirit" is one of the NT's bright box-office successes. Back in 1941, it ran for 1987 performances and it may do as well now. This is the kind of comedy of manners at which the English so excel, and it has the comic talents of gorgeous Maria Aitken, considered the equal of Gertrude Lawrence and Hermione Gingold.

But the biggest success at the NT (you can't get a ticket) is Tom Stoppard's "Jumpers." After making the Royal Shakespeare Company solvent with his brilliant "Travesties," Stoppard continues to dazzle, amuse and amaze with the stunningly hilarious pyrotechnics of

"Jumpers."

The play operates at so many interlocked levels that audiences are kept on their mental toes. The nub is an argument over the morality of modern metaphysics, but it is embedded in many layers of entertaining theatre. While the professor (brilliantly played by Michael Hordern) tries to dictate a lecture in one room, his wife is frantically trying to dispose of a corpse next door. As Stoppard holds that logical positivists are acrobats, he has his practitioners dressed up in yellow training suits performing gymnastics in the opening scene. In this the wife, played by Julie Covington, is the pop star focus of a wild Cambridge party. "Jumpers" is simultaneously about the conflict of ideas, a detective story, university politics and a pop star — all intertwined and produced at a dizzying pace.

The British theatre has not produced many playwrights like Stoppard for years now. Some say it is because style has taken priority over content. This would explain the predominance of old plays on the commercial stage — the place is packed with revived works of Agatha Christie, Somerset Maugham and Ben Travers.

The most interesting play on at the moment continues to be Simon Gray's "Otherwise Engaged" at the

Corned. It is the most quintessentially English 1970s play currently running. Just as John Osborne's "Look Back in Anger" is now regarded as the seminal play of the late '50s, so "Otherwise Engaged" may be seen in the future as the play of the mid-70s. Harold Pinter's direction brings out the element of despair, for Gray is concerned with the crisis of middle-class, middle-age marriage, and his television plays on this theme were among the best of 1976.

The main character reflects all those English intellectuals who simply do not wish to be bothered, while his writer pal spells out his dislike of "abroad" and foreigners of all kinds. The words are everything. The play concludes with the Englishman's home-is-my-castle privacy in ruins and the main character and his pal taking refuge in drink.

A suspicion that the play would not travel was confirmed when seeing the Camerl theatre production during my recent visit home. The actors failed to grasp the mistranslated material, except perhaps for Yossi Graber. Hy Kalus made "Otherwise Engaged" into a Yiddish play, something which I would have thought impossible.

Space does not permit mention of such successful shows as Chorus Line, Equus, Alan Ayckbourn's various plays and, lately, the lusty 17th century comedy "Wild Oats" revived by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

## Hadassah women boost computer science studies

acial to The Jerusalem Post

**MOST ISRAELIS**, Hadassah is a hospital. Yet there are non-medical activities carried in Israel by this largest of American Jewish women's organizations.

Hadassah Community College, Jerusalem, for example, has introduced courses in mini-computer micro-computers in its Computer Sciences Department. These in micro-computers is the only one conducted at pre-Israel.

According to the department's director, Mr. Aviel Schatz, mini-computers and micro-computers are the great technological breakthrough of this decade. As a result, have had to up-date not only our teaching methods and equipment but the settings in which we teach. We can't teach about mini-computers and micro-computers in a traditional classroom; you need a that looks more like a science-

fiction film. You have to create a new atmosphere as well as new tools.

The mini-computer may be connected to a large-scale central computer but can perform certain operations by itself and is suited for small data-processing tasks for scientific purposes and industrial control systems. It can deal, for example, with inventory control, billing, accounting and manpower allocation.

"Micro-computers are even newer," explained Mr. Schatz. On a small metal plate — a memory card — there are numbers of little flat rectangles called "chips" with silver dots on them. These are replacements for the huge, bulky transistors formerly used. Each "memory card" can store lots of information. We have 16,000 characters of information in all. It takes about 350 manoseconds to get an answer to specific data from the device. A manosecond is a billionth of a second.

It is anticipated that all cars of the future will contain micro-computers programmed to control gasoline flow, mixtures, carbon monoxide contents — in fact virtually everything. Mini- and micro-computers will enter every field such as communications, medicine, scientific research. "The chip," noted Mr. Schatz "is as revolutionary as the discovery of electricity."

The Computer Sciences Department has 60 students in two classes. The new course resulted from consultations with five M.I.T. graduates as an effort to provide Israel with some of the trained technicians it needed to handle sophisticated tools.

The Hadassah Vocational Guidance Institute is proving a great benefit to new olim, especially those from the USSR, to find new fields of interest for which they can be trained. The Institute helped in the selection of candidates for new mozhavim such as Sde Nitzan where university graduates selected by them are now successfully engaged in a new type of tomato farming under glass.

These and other Hadassah projects were recently inspected by Mrs. Nina Katir, wife of the President of Israel.

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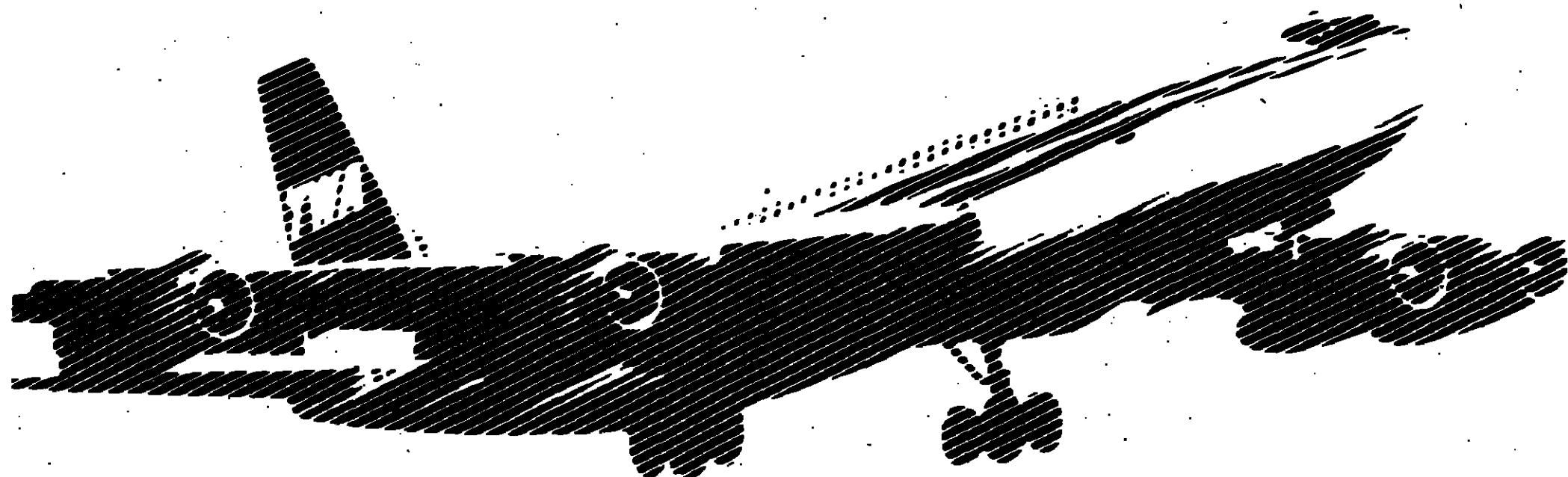
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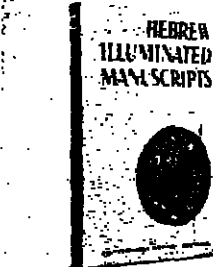
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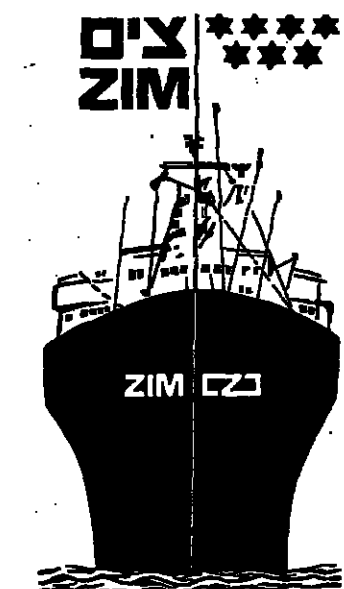
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A record IL36.6 m. was traded as the market moved sharply downward in the Prime Minister's political instability. Investors, nevertheless, feel that the market is elastic to weather and to bounce back in a

Bank Leumi shares cumulated to rise as they added 0.25. The rest of the sector was relatively strong mortgage shares. A surprise gain of 18 to 253. The profit-taking took was 47 lower to 720, which gave up 46 to 500, even harder hit as it was a 96-point loss to 870. Lost 24 to 376 but the gain was 18 to 553. Pax lost 70 to 665. Jordan showed its ability to news as it continued on rise on a 500 point jump warrants were "buyers" are marked at 2,240. The order of the industrial. Elco IL2.5, Elctra IL4 lost 82 to 2 was down by 55 to 473. Continued its recent rise as 19 to 960. American or Mills was "buyers" opening round and the established at 312.5. Sponsor of Tel Aviv Mac- European Basketball

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Regulations will be posted which will make it difficult to use the export agents to establish contact between the manufacturer here and a buyer abroad — and then to sell to the buyer directly, cutting the agents out of their commission.

The ministry hopes that the new system will increase exports, especially by medium-size and small firms, Cohen said.

## subsidy to matza bakeries

wheat used is more expensive than regular wheat and the halachic necessity of cleaning the baking machinery every 20 minutes during baking makes for higher operating costs.

The largest matza factory is Matzot Rishon Lezion, producers of Matzot Aviv. Two bakeries closed in recent years, because they were not profitable.

The regular Government subsidy on bread is much lower than that on matzot, the officials said.

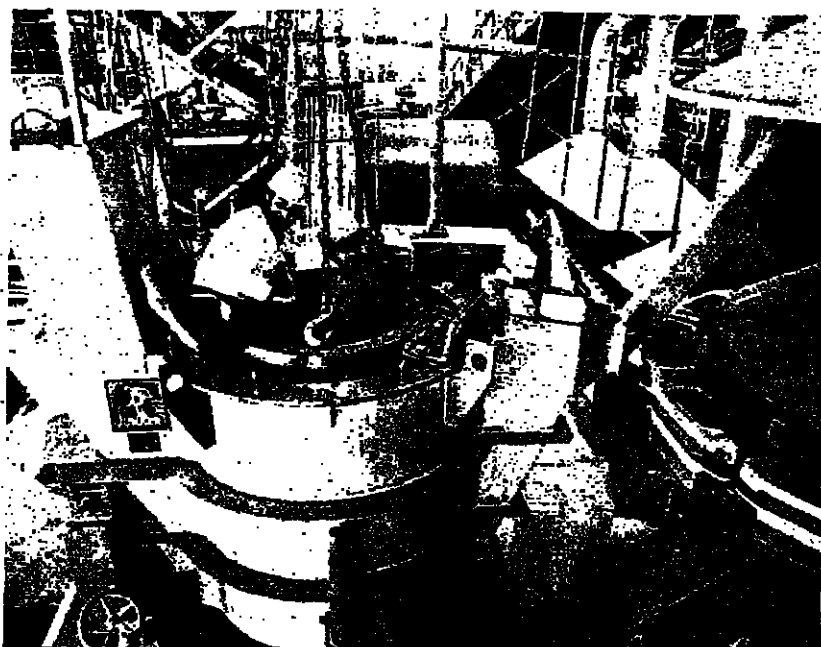
THE NEW IL500 note bearing the picture of David Ben-Gurion will be introduced by the end of this year, Bank of Israel officials said yesterday. They were not ready to disclose the quantity in which the new note will be issued, saying only that it will be "according to the need."

## Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

announces the Second Annual Awarding of the scholarship fund in memory of the late

## JOSHUA HERNE of Jerusalem

The scholarship is awarded each year to a Jerusalem student of economics.



A SMILING WORKER helps put the finishing touches on the large new metal factory set up by the Clal Industries Holding Company in Hatzor in the Galilee, which was opened last week. A branch of Clal's Oradan plant in Netanya, the new plant's 110 workers will produce agricultural pipe fittings as well as forged building and automobile fittings. Output is expected to reach IL50m. a year, with 40 per cent going for export.

## The press must be free

The Supreme Court, by majority decision, allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on October 14, 1974 (in C.C. 1488/74).

In 1966 the Israel Electric Corporation purchased a new Chevrolet Impala car for its then managing director, Ya'acov Peled, to replace his old Impala. This purchase, at a time of recession, was severely criticized in an article in "Ha'aretz," written by Yair Kotler, the second respondent. As a result of this article Mr. Peled, with the approval of his board of directors, decided to return his new car, which had been driven only 8,000 kilometers, to the agency, Leo Goldberg Ltd. The latter, however, refused to take the car back, but agreed to try to sell it. After the car had been in the Goldberg garage for three and a half months without being sold, the Electric Corporation, having rejected offers of between IL24,000 and IL25,000 for it (the car originally cost IL33,000) Yair Kotler wrote another article in "Ha'aretz" in which he accused the Electric Corporation of not being interested in getting rid of the car at all and of hoping that after the matter had been forgotten by the public, the retiring managing director, Mr. Peled, would be able to continue to use it. He based his allegations on the purported opinion of employees of the Goldberg Agency, that if the Electric Corporation had been serious about selling the car, it would have accepted the market price for it, and concluded his article with an appeal to the Development Ministry to order the management of the Electric Corporation to sell the car without employing any further "wiles."

Before writing his article Mr. Kotler had asked the Electric Corporation's spokesman for his comments on the information he had received from the Goldberg Agency. But the spokesman replied that he had been instructed by Mr. Peled not to give "Ha'aretz" information of any kind.

After publication of the article, the car was eventually sold by the Corporation for IL28,000, and both the Corporation and Mr. Peled sued "Ha'aretz" and Mr. Kotler for libel. The Tel Aviv District Court allowed the suit and awarded Mr. Peled

IL10,000 damages. It held that the article was libellous in that it presented the Electric Corporation and Mr. Peled as unreliable liars after dismissing the defendants' dual defence of "truth" and "good faith."

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

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ed defamation had been aimed against a person holding public office (the Electric Corporation being a government corporation, serving the public at large) on which everyone would be legitimately entitled to make fair comment.

In so far as the relationship between the freedom of expression and the right of public officials to have their good name protected is concerned, he continued, very definite principles have been laid down in Israeli law. For even though there is not yet one overall basic law on human rights, there are existing statutes and judicial precedents which define the fundamental human rights of the citizen. The only purpose of the Human Rights Bill is, he pointed out, to crystallize and define these rights in one compilation and give them extra protection against the inroads of time and the efforts of those seeking to trespass on them, by including them in a basic law. But the absence of a Human Rights Law cost certainly does not mean that the fundamental freedoms, headed by the freedom of expression, are not protected today.

The freedom of expression, continued Justice Shamgar, is so important and essential an element of the democratic system, constituting, as it does, a *sine qua non*, for the existence of most of the other freedoms, that it has acquired a supra-legal status, and the duty to observe it has become a guiding line for formulating enactments and examining the legality of the authorities' actions.

Furthermore the demand to uphold this freedom has a direct bearing on judicial interpretation of enacted laws, since the tendency will be to construe a law so as to give paramount consideration to it.

In short, freedom of expression and any provision of law aimed at curtailing it, are not deemed to be on an equal footing, and to the extent that the letter of the law permits of this, freedom of expression must be given preference over any restricting law and any rival freedom.

(To be continued)

## Mercantile Bank of Israel Limited

## Notice to Share Holders

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of the Bank at 24 Sderot Rothschild, Tel Aviv, Israel, on:

Tuesday, April 19, 1977, at 9.30 a.m.

## Agenda:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Accounts for the year 1976 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To approve as the final dividend for the year 1976, the interim dividend of 15% paid per share.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business that may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Our export growth almost three times that of EEC

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The growth of exports in Israel during 1976 was almost three times that of the average growth in European Common Market countries.

Last year our exports grew by 26 per cent over those of 1975. During that period the EEC countries registered an increase of only 9.10 per cent, an official at the Commerce and Industry Ministry said yesterday. He attributed the rapid increase here to the effect of trade conventions, the slowdown in domestic consumption, and the constant change in the make-up of our total exports.

While until a few years ago the citrus industry accounted for a large part of our exports, the metal and electronic industries now have increased their share. The two branches doubled their exports, from \$218m. in 1974 to \$455m. in 1976, the official said.

The chemical industry has also shown considerable growth, he added.

## Kinneret will supply record quantity of water

By ZEEV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mekorot will be able to supply a record quantity of some 400m. cubic metres of water for irrigation, industrial and household use from the Lake Kinneret reservoir this summer, its spokesman, Mordechai Yacovovitz, told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday.

"It's been an exceptional year from a hydrological point of view. Lake Kinneret has risen to minus (below Mediterranean level) 206.78 metres — which is only 78 centimetres below its maximum holding capacity," Yacovovitz said.

This year's rainfalls have added some 800m. cubic metres to date. Other rain catchment basins, in-

cluding the Kar Baruh Lake and the Menashe Hills system, are also filled to capacity. The Menashe area has absorbed over 21m. cubic metres. Its storage capacity is 14m. cubic metres and the overflow was used to replenish depleted underground water tables.

The spokesman attributed the satisfactory situation to a good distribution of the rainfalls and the adequate quantities measured in the northern half of the country.

Rainfalls in the southern half remained below the average, but recent rainfalls reported from these areas have saved an estimated 100,000 dunams of field crops, which were "almost" written off as a total loss and will now yield an average harvest.



IN THE BIGGEST fire fighting exercise ever held here the fuselage of a disused old plane was yesterday set ablaze in a corner of Ben-Gurion Airport. Local firefighters put out the giant blaze using standard and improvised methods. (Simlansky, Israel Sun)

## IL5 % cost-of-living pay rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the Histadrut and the Economic Coordinating Centre yesterday agreed on an 11.5 per cent cost-of-living pay increase to be effective on April 1. The increase is applicable up to a top of IL5.60 for monthly employees, or IL24.40 for workers paid by the day.

Yesterday's agreement was in keeping with the cost-of-living collective agreement reached by the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association two years ago. The agreement, effective until March 31, 1980, provides for two annual cost-of-living amendments — made in September (effective October 1) and March (effective April 1), of each year.

The April increase of 11.5 per cent is in line with that of October 1976 — showing an annual increase of 22-23 per cent.

The new cost-of-living allowance will be due with the April paychecks for those working on a monthly or a weekly basis; it will be effective immediately for day labourers.

## Management wastes manpower

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The quality of work life will be discussed at a three-day symposium to be opened by President Ephraim Katzir at the Tel Aviv Museum tomorrow.

The symposium will be held under the auspices of the Ira Memorial Foundation for the Development of Human Engineering in Israel. Six of the 22 participants will come from abroad, including the U.S., Germany and England.

The Ira Foundation was established to commemorate Ira Lahat-Gertberg, a pilot and a Technion graduate, in systems engineering, who fell on active duty.

The aim of the foundation is to help solve some critical problems in our society by developing and applying new technologies.

According to modern research, "factory concepts" in management systems cause up to three quarters of human resources in places of work to be wasted.

## Yad Vashem Information Centre

Heroes and Martyrs  
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## Official Opening Ceremony

## Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day

will be held at Yad Vashem, Har Hazikaron, Jerusalem on Wednesday, April 14, 1977 (26 Nissan) at 6.00 p.m. in the presence of the President of Israel.

Addresses: Minister Gideon Hausner, Chairman, Yad Vashem Council and Ceremony Chairman; Mr. Moshe Milles, representative of the Organization of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Ex-Concentration Camp Prisoners; Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister

Prayers: Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rishon Lezion, Harav Ovadiah Yosef (Psalms 83)

Opening: Dr. Yitzhak Arad, Chairman, Yad Vashem Executive

Participants: Army Rabbinate Choir and the Lev-Ran Choir conducted by Mr. Menashe Lev-Ran; Philharmonic Trio — Moshe Morevitz, Avraham Borenstein, Shulamit Lorin; Readings — Orna Porat and Shimon Finkel; Rav Seren Arie Baron, Chief Cantor of the IDF; IDF unit and Gadna unit; Minha — Amikam Gurevitz

Buses to Har Hazikaron will leave from the old Beit Ha'am on Rehov Yafso, travelling along the No. 18 bus route, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Museum and Ohel Yizkor will be closed at 3.00 p.m. and re-opened at the end of the ceremony until 12 midnight.

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## Good law v. bad politics

**HIS PARTY**, and the nation at large, owe Premier Rabin a debt of gratitude for having removed himself from the coming race for leadership when he did. But a special vote of thanks is due, even from Mr. Rabin himself, to Attorney-General Barak for having taken the principled stand in law which made that resignation unavoidable.

Professor Barak's position was as simple as it was unassailable. The law, in a democratic society, based on the rule of law, is no respecter of persons, not even the Premier's wife. Nor, for that matter — if it comes to that, as it still may — the Premier himself.

Under the law, the Attorney-General has sole authority to decide whether criminal proceedings should be taken against citizens found to have illegally kept accounts in foreign banks above a stipulated limit. Barak's decision was that Mrs. Rabin, who had admitted to such an offence, should be prosecuted because, in his opinion, mitigating circumstances established in a number of precedents do not apply in her case.

This opinion was evidently not shared by Finance Minister Rabinowitz, who would have been satisfied with an administrative fine. To Mr. Rabinowitz's way of thinking, it seems, the Rabin case was special enough — on the grounds that it involved extreme embarrassment to the head of government — to warrant exemption from legal process. But the Minister flinched from a showdown with the Attorney-General, and let the latter's judgment prevail.

For this timidity, Mr. Rabinowitz has now been taken to task by his own aides in the Treasury. They took the well-known view that he should have stood his ground, and thus "spared Mr. Rabin his ordeal."

It is amazing that these political officials should not realize that it was Prof. Barak who, in fact, spared Mr. Rabin his ordeal. Nothing worse, surely, could have happened to the Premier than leading his party's race weighted down with a fine of IL44,000. Indeed it is arguable that the Labour Party, or at least a large section of it, would have insisted on first taking that albatross off its own collective neck.

What Barak did was, of course, nothing but exercise the authority which is his by right, according to his legal lights. If his conclusion is wrong, it will be duly corrected by the courts. In trying to challenge — that is, to impugn — it out of court, Mr. Rabinowitz's aides have only invited a boomerang.

## \$kull and cro\$bone\$

**THE SHIPOWNERS** Association has recently been yielding as much to Adam Chizik and his Ships Officers Union as might be termed reasonable. The union now sees fit to immobilise once again part of the merchant fleet over yet a further demand — and an extortionate one.

Deckhands are paid special increments for doing certain listed "special" jobs beyond their routine duties. The shipowners persuaded them last December to surrender this privilege, in exchange for a substantial pay rise.

They were about to sign when they were talked out of it — according to Aluf (Res.) Shlomo Erel, who heads the Shipowners Association — by the Officers Union. Under the old system, the officers had their regular wage made up to equal the total pay of the deck-hand with the biggest increment. If a donkeyman spent days and nights mending a faulty boiler, thus earning a large increment of special pay and overtime, the minimum wage earned by the junior ship's officer was brought up to the same level. The officers want this system retained; and for the time being the owners have gone along with their demand. An interim contract was signed to that effect.

What then is the argument about? The increments are paid in dollars. The Officers Union has decided that if the deck-hand earns more dollars than the officer, the latter shall get his dollar allocation made up, never mind about the Israel-pound component. This means that the officer may be getting extra pay, even though his total emoluments are already ahead of the deck-hand's.

There is another advantage in receiving dollars — the exchange-rate is calculated, for tax purposes, at the old value of IL4.20 to the dollar — less than half the current official rate. This practice, embedded in past collective agreements, is itself against the law, now that the tax reform has been enacted. The need to revoke a privilege which has become obsolete is what holds up the signing of a new collective agreement.

Meanwhile the officers stand pat on their ultimatum, refuse to negotiate, and refuse to refer the dispute to arbitration. Moreover they have immobilised several of the ships in dock, making it impossible for other vessels to come alongside and discharge their cargoes.

The shipping companies have decided that they can retreat no further, and must stand up to the strike.

The administration has one duty that cannot be evaded: The idle ships must be got away from the dock space, which they occupy unlawfully.

What the Officers Union is trying to do is win a labour dispute by blockading the country. The challenge is unmistakable. The question which the Government must answer this time is: whose law runs in Israel's ports, Adam Chizik's — or that of the properly constituted authorities of the land.



The Rabins at their Ramat Aviv home.

(Yael Rosen)

## Guilt by procrastination

**EVEN MR. RABIN'S** and the Labour Party's worst enemies should not cringe over the wretched conclusion of his career, and the sloganers should stop speaking of the affair as "Israel's Watergate."

The exaltation and the "Watergate" slogan might be warranted if this were an instance of calculated cheating that had been exposed.

What we have here is something much less than Watergate, and at the same time much worse, much more insidious. And so what we know so far about Lea and Yitzhak Rabin's dollar affairs since they returned from Washington four years ago, what seems to have happened is not that the Rabins deliberately tried to cheat but that they were careless and dilatory.

"Tomorrow," they probably told themselves each time they remembered that they had not yet disposed of their American dollars in the manner required by Israel law. "Just this once more time," they probably told themselves each time they visited the U.S. and decided to buy something with those illegally held dollars — "just this one more time" before attending to the matter "tomorrow."

If as outright cheats they would have violated the norms that every civilized society at least professes to live by, as careless procrastinators they were clearly behaving according to the norms that Israel society lives by.

How many times a day does every one of us tell someone or ourselves, or are we told by someone: "Bege?"

**What seems to have happened to the Rabins, says MOSHE KOHN, is not that they tried to cheat, but that they were careless and dilatory — like most other Israelis.**

(Just a moment), *Miyad* (Right away) *Shay dakkot* (Two minutes)? And how many of those times does that *Bege* etc. not turn into 20 minutes or a day? How often does our *Mecher* (Tomorrow) not turn into four days or a month or an eternity?

How many times a month do you say or are you told *Shay beshvil* (It's being dealt with)? And how many of those times does this not mean that "it" is buried at the bottom of some pile of folders or in the drawer of some irreplaceable clerk who has just gone off for his long-awaited hernia operation?

Or: *Ma yesh?* (What's all the fuss?); *Shay bo'er!* (Nothing's burning!);

AND AFTER the matter that really could have been settled in *shay dakkot* is settled a month or two later, and after the fire has been extinguished, you say or are told: *Shika* (Sorry), but *Ma ani yachol laasot?* (What can I do?), because, after all, *Kacha seh* (That's the way things are). But always, regardless, magically, *Yih'yeh beseider* (It'll be all right).

The *Bege* ethos rather than any calculated attempt to put something over is behind the Rabin tragedy. In

handling their dollar affairs as they did, the Rabins conducted themselves like the through-and-through Israelis that they are. The same applies to Mr. Rabin's handling of the matter since it was first brought to light by an enterprising Israeli journalist in Washington. He should not have waited to be put on the spot by the Attorney-General before addressing the nation on the matter and announcing his resignation.

Again: the Rabin tragedy is no Watergate; it is much less, and much worse. When the law enforcement agencies are directed to act as Mr. Rabin directed them in the Yadin affair — as, indeed, he instructed them to act in his own case — ordinary crime can be rooted out.

It is much harder to root out an indolent ethos of *Bege* and *Shay beshvil* in which these and similar words and concepts have ceased to have any practical meaning.

The lesson of this tragedy is not, as some make it out to be, the ultimate criminality of Mr. Rabin or the party he headed. The lesson is that now that the *Bege* ethos has penetrated the innermost chamber of our government, it must be rooted out of our life. And the place to begin is not "there," with "him," but right "here," with "me."

# Untruth and consequence

**Rabin's failure to promptly divulge the size and circumstance of his foreign currency violation alone warranted his resignation, argues DAVID LANDAU.**

**THIS INTENTION** here is not to kick at Yitzhak Rabin when he is down. In fact, this is not written about (or against) Rabin himself — but rather about the rest of us, so busy since Thursday night fervently congratulating ourselves, and each other — and the Prime Minister — on our lofty standards of morality and decency which brought about his resignation.

The consensus of public opinion has been that Rabin did a service to the nation by his act, which should serve as a model for all public officials. The Independent Liberal Party has even passed a resolution praising Rabin for his noble action.

Mr. Rabin himself explained to the nation on Thursday night that he was resigning because "to my great regret" the Attorney-General had rejected the Treasury's recommendation that he and his wife be let off with an administrative fine, but had insisted instead that at least Mrs. Rabin must face a criminal prosecution.

(He added manfully that he was jointly responsible with Lea and wished to face prosecution together with her.)

Since this situation "might impair the Labour Party's ability to win the number of votes that it should rightly get," he had told the Secretary-General that he was stepping down as Labour's candidate for the premiership.

Plainly the Prime Minister's analysis was correct. The spectacle of him and Lea, or even Lea alone, in the dock on a criminal charge would doubtless have hit the Party hard at the ballot box. To make this analysis, and draw the obvious conclusion, was neither especially brave nor noble nor politically astute; it was inevitable.

Nor does that inevitability particularly affect to any lofty standards on the part of our political community, or our voters at large.

ON THE CONTRARY: what Rabin said — and, more to the point, what he did not say — painfully underlines the very wide gap between the commonly accepted standards in many political societies and the standards which Rabin believes, probably correctly, are acceptable in Israel.

Rabin did not say, as many a Western premier or president in the same circumstances probably would have, simply that he and his wife had committed a criminal offence and he was therefore resigning. (And it should be stressed that even had the Treasury prevailed over the Attorney-General, the ad-

ministrative fine would nullified their criminal act, the Minister of Finance empowered to levy administrative fine "if he is satisfied that an offence has been committed." (Emergency Regulations Para 10(a).)

Well, perhaps that could be overlooked. It can certainly be overlooked. After all, how Western democracies and Israel, in which there are perhaps tens of thousands of illegal accounts already open, can expect an administrative fine to be a morally embarrassing, even forgiven and largely understood public act.

Much more serious, as — to Rabin and to all of our other things that the Prime Minister says: something would democratic leader any would surely never have not saying in Rabin's did not tell you, the public truth. This has now been therefore I resign."

For let us not forget Thursday we had all believed — by Lea Rabin's husband — that their fence was a pale count, dormant and unused by an oversight, or, at sufficient awareness "to close it back in 1972."

John Profumo, the Minister for War in the first Labour government, had been forgiven for having had an affair with a girl, Christine Keeler, a Soviet diplomat's wife, and for having lied to the House of Commons. And he didn't resign. He knew it, and when he was asked to resign, he immediately resigned.

Even President Nixon went to the end of the line, and he was not impeached because he had prevailed upon the Senate to acquit him.

ON THURSDAY, however, the fact of Mr. Rabin's resignation was not a surprise. It was a surprise that he and his wife had committed a criminal offence and he was therefore resigning. (And it should be stressed that even had the Treasury prevailed over the Attorney-General, the ad-

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## Dry Bones



## POSTSCRIPTS

**LEGEND** has it that the five rabbis who sat up all night in Bnei Brak on the night of the Seder until their pupils came to tell them that "it is time to recite the morning prayer" were discussing not the Exodus from Egypt but preparations for revolt against the Romans.

There was a reverse situation in Washington on Seder night, we are told. Affairs of state disturbed President Carter and his National Security Adviser "Zbig" Brzezinski in the midst of the Seder each was attending the former at the home of Presidential Assistant Robert Lipshutz and the latter with Democratic Congressman Steven Solarz.

They were both called to the telephone to discuss a matter of national business. At one point in their conversation, the two top men in the United States compared notes

not only on the problem in question, but also on which point in the Haggada the age-old tale had been interrupted by the "pupils."

**M.R.** MRS. GANDHI's defeat in the Indian elections has been ascribed to many things, from the arrogance of her son to rampant corruption to quasi-voluntary sterilization of males.

Of the factors cited, the birth-control campaign probably affronted the Indian people most. Launched in a respectable way in Nehru's day — the handsome and statuesque Lady Rama Rau was president of the Family Planning Council — it reached only the upper middle classes; we were once told that most of the women who visited the clinics would have been better advised to have larger families than to curtail them.

But it was when Mrs. Gandhi's minions introduced inducements for men willing to undergo vasectomies and the Indian masses began to hear about the plan that the trouble began. How can you persuade the millions of votaries of Shiva Nataraja, who brought the world into being through his comic dance and whose phallic symbol the *lingam* is part of the Indian scene, that constant procreation is not the greatest act of worship? Apparently not even Nehru's daughter found a tactful answer.

F.D.

## READERS' LETTERS

### CAR DAMAGE CLAIMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I read with interest Joan Borstein's article, "A consumer looks at car insurance" (March 31).

Although I agree in general with the major part of the article, I would like to point out that, in my opinion, the delay caused in paying off claims for damages to motor vehicles is, in many cases, a result of poor management.

At least half of the insurance companies in Israel would honestly like to pay off claims for physical damage to vehicles as soon as possible; they just don't know how to go about managing this matter. In most cases, we find that we have to wait at least seven days and sometimes up to three or four weeks before a loss adjuster gets his report out, and then the insurance company

may take anywhere from seven days to six weeks in order to prepare a cheque after the insured had agreed upon the settlement. If the insurance companies which are interested in settling claims quickly would organize their claims department properly in order to do away with the permanent backlog, then at least half the claims would be settled within a matter of days after the car is repaired.

It is absolutely amazing to visit the claims department of the various insurance companies and notice that each clerk has a huge pile of files on his desk, and never seems to catch up.

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**BOB ELLENKO**,  
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Goshen Insurance Agency  
Kiryat Ono.

## The Democratic Movement For Change

A festive public session of the National Council of the Democratic Movement for Change will take place this evening in Binyanei Ha'ooma, Jerusalem.

### Programme:

- 5.30 p.m. Informal get-together
- 6.30 p.m. Opening of Council Meeting
- 7.00 p.m. Greetings from the President of Israel, Professor Ephraim Katzir
- 7.30 p.m. Remarks by Professor Yigael Yadin
- 9.00 p.m. Conclusion

All members of the Democratic Movement for Change are cordially invited to attend the Council Meeting. Transportation arrangements should be clarified with the branch coordinators.

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